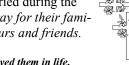
Anniversaries

Ellen Coleman, Ballynagrumoolia. Con & Mai Bowen, Ballygarvan. John Joe Grainger. The Square. Senan McCarthy, Farlistown. Michael Collins, Rearour. Fr. Willie McCarthy. Kathleen Coleman, Halfway. Sean O'Donovan, Killingley. Johnny Marshall, Meadstown. John, Nora & Peter O'Keeffe, Kingsland. Jim, Benny, Phil & Peg Finnerty, Co Mayo.

We Remember

Sheelagh Fitzgerald (née O'Sullivan) Knochraha & Ballinhassig; Breeda O'Donovan, Leap who were buried during the week. We pray for their families, neighbours and friends.



We have loved them in life, Let us not forget them in death.

Church Flower Collections



Church Flower Groups will hold a collection for church flowers in all churches on Saturday/Sunday November 25th/26th. This collection will help defray the costs of Christmas, Easter, Confirmation flowers etc.

MASS TIMES

Next Week

Monday 20th:-

Ballygarvan 9.30am

Tuesday 21st:-

Goggins Hill 9.30am

Thursday 23rd:-

Ballyheada 10.00am

Saturday 25th:-

Ballyheada 7.00pm

Sunday 26th:-

Ballygarvan 10.00am Goggins Hill 11.30am

Second Collection

Special Collection this week end **Nov.** 18th/19th is for Marriage Support.

Saint Nicholas Dec. 6th

December 6th is the Feast of **St**. Nicholas. The Ballinhassig Parish Assembly invite children to bring a toy to Mass on the first Sunday of Advent December 3rd.

Please put in a bag but do not wrap.

These will be placed at the altar and donated to Saint Vincent De Paul for poorer children to ensure they all receive a toy for Christmas.

2017 Ballinhassig Parish Newsletter

Notices for inclusion should be received not later than 2.00pm on Wednesday by Mary O'Halloran (4885062,4885257) Mary O'Donovan (4888268), PAN Centre/Parish Office (phone/fax 4885062) info@ballinhassigparish.com www.ballinhassigparish.com Parish Priest:- Fr. Christy Fitzgerald Telephone: 4885104 or 087/9439666

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for Ballygarvan, Ballyheada and Goggins Hill

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Fr. Christy writes...

USING OUR TALENTS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL

Since the beginning of his pontificate Pope Francis has placed 'Mercy' at the centre of his preaching and teaching. At the end of the Year of Mercy he wrote a letter called "Misericordia et Misera", which means mercy and misery. In this letter he suggested that misery needs to meet mercy and the Church should set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the World Day of the Poor and it will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. That's this weekend, the last Sunday of the Church's year.

In paragraph 5 Pope Francis wrote, "Now, at the conclusion of this Jubilee, it

is time to look to the future and to understand how best to continue, with joy, fidelity and enthusiasm, ... experiencing the richness of God's mercy we are called to celebrate mercy".

As Christians who have experienced the mercy of the Lord in abundance, we ourselves, Pope Francis reminds us, need to be people who bring mercy to bear on the misery of the lives of others.



This is where the Gospel is important to this message this weekend, how am I going to use my God-given talents to be an agent of mercy to those who are in misery?

World Day of the Poor

The inaugural World Day of the Poor will be observed on this Sunday November 19th, 2017. In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." It will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time each year.

A Prayer For Families to say on World Day of the Poor

Dear God, Our Father. As we remember the *World Day of* the Poor, We pray for our family and for all families who experience poverty around the world.

When we eat, we thank you for our meal, and we remember families who do not have enough food. We do not waste what we have, and we share our food with others.

When we play, we thank you for the gift of free time

And we pray especially for all the children around the world who are not able to play freely.

When we pray, we thank you for our family, And we pray for all families around the world who live home in the Waterfall area. in poverty.

May you be with them, and help our family to always remember to reach out to them. Amen.

Christmas In The Cathedral

Fr. Liam Lawton in Concert, supported by the Cathedral Parish Choir at the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne (North Cathedral) on **December** 7th. Tickets 20Euro. Further details 4304325/4304430. All welcome

Indoor Camogie Training

Commencing this Saturday November 18th from 10.30am-11.30am for Under 8/7/6/5's and Under 9/10 from 11.45am-12.45pm. All welcome.

Remembrance Sunday

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is celebrated



on the third Sunday of November each year, this year it is **November 19th**. *It is a* day to remember those who died or suffered serious injuries in road traffic accidents and their families.

Remembrance Service will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne (North Cathedral) on Sunday November 19th at 11.30am. All welcome.

Honours Maths

Grinds Wanted First or Second year College student to give Honours Maths Grinds for MATHS

5th year student to assist in students

Further details contact 087/6524716.

Brú Columbanus

Chrismas Decoration Demo by Mary O'Farrell O'Farrell's Bandon & Carole Horgan Best of Buds in aid of Brú Columbanus at Brú Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton on November 22nd at 7.30pm.

They provide home from home accommodation for families of patients in Cork hospitals.

Tickets 15Euro and available from 021/4345754 or **087/2787074.** All welcome.



Active Retirement Club

Upcoming events:- In the MARIAN HALL Christmas Dinner/Party:- December 9th Christmas Flower Arranging:- December 14th All welcome!!!!!!!!

Ballinhassig Parish Social & Active Retirement Club annual Christmas Dinner /Party in the:-Marian Hall, Ballinhassig Saturday December 9th.

Lunch at 1.00pm sharp. All seated by 12.45pm.

Music, song and craic. Tickets cost 20Euro.

Names and payment to:-

Irene Forde 086/8611275 087/1376023 Mairead Deasy Phil O'Keeffe 087/2901865 Joan McCann 087/9685484

Mary O'Halloran 4885062 or 086/3183645

or any committee member as soon as possible. Early booking appreciated as numbers are required for catering. All welcome!!!!!!!!

The Village Stories

Ballinhassig Village Association will hold an 'AFTERNOON of

STORIES' on next Sunday November 26th at **3pm** in the *Marian Hall*. This will be an afternoon about the Characters and goings on in the Village over the last 80 years. All welcome.

Greater Chernobyl Cause

Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday **November 19th** 12noon-5.30pm Marian Hall, Ballinhassig.

Knitwear, Jewellery, Ceramics, Candles, Books & Christmas Cards etc. All items for sale have been donated by various generous artists.

Further details **087/9536133**. All welcome.

Bazaars

Goggins Hill N.S. Parents As**sociation:**- Christmas 'Bazaar' in the school Hall on Sunday Nov. 26th after 11.30am Mass. All welcome.

Ballinhassig GAA Club:-Annual Christmas 'Bazaar' on Sunday **December 3rd.** Santa arrives at 5.00pm. Great Spinner prizes. Anyone wishing in TAKE A STALL contact Theresa 087/6579925 Items for hampers and baskets will be collected closer to the date.

Brochures available for Christmas Club Gear. Contact **087/6579925** or clubs *facebook* or twitter pages.

Mature Student Open Day UCC November 23rd from 5.30pm-8.30pm. Workshops etc., details from 4901873.

St. Brogan's College Mass Remembrance Mass for deceased pupils & staff in St. Patrick's Church, Bandon on Saturday November 25th at 9.30am. All welcome.

Thought for the week: - Nothing is as far away as one minute ago.

Coastal Rosary Ireland

On Sunday November 26th the Feast of Christ the King, thousands of Irish people will gather at **2.30pm** at over 200 different coastal locations, to pray the **Rosary** for the preservation of Faith & life in Ireland. Further details & locations near you

www.coastalrosaryireland.ie.